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SUBJECT

Estimates of Communist Aid to North Vietnam

The tabulation below shows our estimates of Soviet and Chinese aid to North Vietnam for 1955-1972. Additional amounts, primarily economic aid, generally ranging from \$100 million to about \$200 million annually, have been received from Eastern Europe and other suppliers. Figures for 1973 are not yet available, but preliminary data indicate a rise in economic aid and a decline in military aid, a trend which will probably continue for the next several years. Some of the figures for earlier years have appeared in press articles.

Economic Aid

| • | | Million US \$ |
|---------|--------------|---------------|
| | • | MITITION OS S |
| Year | USSR | PRC |
| 1955-64 | 235 | 285 |
| 1965 | 95 | 35 |
| 1966 | 160 | 70 |
| 1967 | 23 5 | 120 |
| 1968 | 305 | 120 |
| 1969 | 385 | 90 |
| 1970 | 345 | 60 |
| 1971 | 315 | 100 |
| 1972 | 200 | 85 |
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Military Aid

| | <i>j</i> | Million US \$ | |
|---|---|---|--|
| Year | USSR | PRC | |
| 1955-64 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 | 70 310 500 675 415 175 90 160 355 | 70 55 110 155 115 140 100 | |
| 1914 | 333 | 215 | |

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